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SUBJECT: AID TO LAOS DELAYED IN THAILAND BY BORDER CLOSURE;

"SOCIALIST" AID ARRIVES THROUGH NORTH VIETNAM

REF.: USDAO VIENTIANE IR 685621475 (290300Z DEC. 75), NOTAL

1. AS REPORTED BY USDAO/VIENTIANE (REFERENCE), LOCAL
NEWSPAPERS SIENG PASASON AND VIENTIANE MAI DECEMBER 25
CARRIED STATEMENT BY LAO OFFICIAL THAT FOLLOWING AID
TO LAOS HELD UP IN THAILAND BY THAI BORDER CLOSURE;
FROM THE PRC: 6300 TONS OF RICE
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16 CASES OF OFFICE MATERIAL

245 CASES OF ELECTRIC LAMPS
325 SEWING MACHINES
4000 BICYCLES

FROM THE USSR: MORE THAN 10 MILLION LITERS OF GASOLINE
AND OIL

1042 CASES OF CONDENSED MILK
1880 CASES OF POWDERED MILK
556 CASES OF FLOUR
1346 CASES OF CANNED FISH
279 CASES OF CANNED MEAT
1131 TONS OF NEWSPRINT

FROM THE UN: 700 TONS OF RICE.

2. IN ADDITION TO GOODS LISTED ABOVE, OTHER AID TO LAOS IS LIKELY BEING DELAYED IN THAILAND BY BORDER CLOSURE. MITSUI REPRESENTATIVE AND CANADIAN ADVISER TO LAO ELECTRICITY COMPANY (EDL) TOLD EMBOFF THAT NAM NGUM II PROJECT IS AFFECTED BY BORDER CLOSURE. FUEL FOR DRILLING BY SWISS FIRM AT SITE OF DAM GATES IS NOT AVAILABLE AND SWISS EXPERTS REPORTED TO BE AT A STANDSTILL WITH THEIR PART OF PROJECT. JAPANESE FIRM (MITSUI) HAS NOT RECEIVED EQUIPMENT NECESSARY TO COMMENCE ITS WORK ON NAM NHUM PHASE II. MITSUI EXPERT BELIEVES THAT IF BORDER NOT OPEN BY FEBRUARY 1, NAM NGUM PHASE II PROJECTS WILL HAVE TO BE DELAYED FOR ONE YEAR, AS THERE WILL NOT BE ENOUGH TIME TO COMPLETE FIRST PHASE OF WORK AS PLANNED BEFORE RAINY SEASON BEGINS.

3. IN THE MEANTIME, LOCAL NEWSPAPERS HAVE CONTINUED TO REPORT ARRIVAL FROM HANOI OF DRV C-130'S AND SOVIET AN-12'S CARRYING POL, MEDICINE AND OTHER NECESSITIES. ALSO, A CONVOY OF TRUCKS FROM NORTH VIETNAM WAS REPORTED TO HAVE ARRIVED AT PAKCADING (EAST-SOUTHEAST OF PAKSANE) ON DECEMBER 18 BRINGING THE FOLLOWING COMMODITIES: 557 BARRELS OF GASOLINE AND 140 CASES OF MILK FROM THE USSR, 24 TONS OF SUGAR FROM THE PRC, 5 TONS OF POLISH SALT AND 24 TONS OF POLISH FLOUR, 695 BOXES OF CANNED FOOD FROM THE GDR, AND 1736 LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CASES OF CANNED MEAT FROM HUNGARY. LOCAL PRESS ADDS THAT OTHER CONVOYS WILL FOLLOW, TRANSPORTING AID COMMODITIES FOR LAOS THAT ARRIVED IN HAIPHONG FROM OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH TRANSIT AGREEMENT BETWEEN NORTH VIETNAM AND LAOS.
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